

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9th February 2015 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

Councillors: Mrs Blackburn (Chairman), C.Elwood (Vice Chairman), Mrs C. Codd, B Edwards, J Clark, M Lawrence, Mrs J. Geer and R Benoy.

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllr Davies, Cllr Webb and public.

1. **Apologies for absence** –Cllr Simmons
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meetings held on the 12th January 2015 were **agreed**, and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
5. **Nigel Freeman from the CSU informed** the meeting that there had been four reported crimes within the Parish since January. He also said that there would be one Warden Supervisor to cover Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. There may be the possibility that Rusthall could be given a Warden after April.
6. **Session for Borough Councillors** – Cllr Davies introduced the meeting to Alex, who was shadowing him. He informed the members that the pedestrian crossings requested for Major Yorks Road and the A264 had been submitted for an investigation and feasibility study. He also said that he supports the request for the crossings. Cllr Webb informed the members that he would be standing for South Derbyshire in the elections to be held in May. If not successful, he will try here again next year. The Parish Council thanked him for all his help since he had been a Borough Cllr.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 8. **Planning** – A Committee meeting was held on 2nd February 2015 draft minutes have been circulated.
 9. **Chairs report** - Cllr Blackburn showed the members laminated cards which informed people that the person showing the card had either hearing or sight problems. *They were to be put in the library, medical centre and Headway for people to take.*
 10. **To Consider donation to** – i HWCAGG After much discussion, it was agreed to give £50 to the association towards the leaflet drop.
 11. **Lorry Signage** - Cllr Blackburn attended a meeting with the Freight Transport Association, Speldhurst PC and Southborough PC to discuss the increasing use of certain rural lanes by large freight vehicles. The FTA members all have to use commercial sat navs. The meeting did not come up with any solutions but some ideas. Notes of the meeting attached
 12. **Gatwick Update** – The Clerk informed the members that there was to be a meeting at Chiddingstone, with Gatwick Airport. The Clerk has put TWBC's response to the proposed second runway at Gatwick Airport on the website along with Parish's response.
12. **Preparation for May Elections** – Information was on the website with regards on how to apply to become a Parish Councillor. *A notice will go on the noticeboard.*

13. Grit bin Purchase – It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a grit bin for Cranwell Road, to be placed by the footpath leading to Allan Close. Subject to Town & Country’s permission. *Clerk to purchase a bin, up to £350.00.*

14. Clerk’s Report – The Clerk informed the members that TWBC’s site allocation plans were now available if they wished to read it. A grant request from the RC&YP had been received and would go on the agenda for March. Clerk unable to find out how to obtain statutory allotment status, will keep looking. All allotment rental payments had been paid. Cllrs Benoy and Edwards along with the Clerk attended a meeting with Greg Clarke, Speldhurst PC and Bidborough PC, to discuss Gatwick’s proposed second runway and the increased air traffic noise.

15. Accounts and Payments -

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	FEBRUARY 2015	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
EE	DD	30.00	Mobile
S DENNE	S/O	866.82	Salary Jan
SAMARITANS	300160	200.00	Donation
CAB	300161	1000.00	Donation
URC	300162	30.00	Hall Hire
HMRC	300163	79.93	Tax / NI Jan
SLCC	300164	150.00	Clerk Training
PREMIER ALARMS	300165	95.50	Allotment Keys
<u>Total Payments</u>	-	2452.25	-

- 16. Public Session** –a) A member of the public informed the Cllrs that the manhole cover at top of Harmony Street had been repaired.
- b) It was reported that people struggled to get into the village chemist due to the step. *Cllr Blackburn said that she would investigate.*
 - c) Member of the public was concerned about the people who were anti-second runway that is proposed for Gatwick. He thought that it would bring prosperity to the area. It was explained to him that not all Parish Councillors were against the proposed runway. Also people were very concerned with the noise due to the increased air traffic and the height of the planes.

17. Items for Information: None

The Meeting closed at 20.45